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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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| Applicant's or agent's file reference<br><b>Form PCT/ISA/220</b>  |   | FOR FURTHER ACTION<br>See paragraph 2 below         |                             |
| International application No.<br><b>PCT/FR2004/002949</b>   | International filing date (day/month/year)<br><b>18.11.2004</b> | Priority date (day/month/year)<br><b>20.11.2003</b> |                             |
| International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC<br><b>F03B13/08, F03B3/12, F03B3/14</b> |   |   |                             |
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| <p>1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. I Basis of the opinion</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II Priority</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI Certain documents cited</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application</li> </ul> <p>2. <b>FURTHER ACTION</b></p> <p>If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.</p> <p>If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.</p> <p>For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.</p> <p>3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.</p> |
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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.  
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
  - a. type of material  
 a sequence listing  
 table(s) related to the sequence listing
  - b. format of material  
 in written format  
 in computer readable form
  - c. time of filing/furnishing  
 contained in the international application as filed.  
 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.  
 furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3.  In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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| Box No. V  | Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |      |
| <b>I. Statement</b>  |  |      |
| Novelty (N)  | Claims   | YES  |
|  | Claims   | 1-10 |
| Inventive step (IS)  | Claims   | YES  |
|  | Claims   | 1-10 |
| Industrial applicability (IA)  | Claims   | YES  |
|  | Claims   | 1-10 |
| <b>2. Citations and explanations:</b>  |  |      |
| Reference is made to the following documents:  |  |      |
| D1: FR 518 877 A (F. LAWACZECK) 1 June 1921 (1921-06-01)   |  |      |
| D2: WO 91/09193 A (MORIARTY JOHN BARRY) 27 June 1991<br>(1991-06-27)   |  |      |
| D3: US-A-3 785 747 (MAYO H) 15 January 1974 (1974-01-15)   |  |      |
| D4: WO 03/083291 A (VA TECH HYDRO GMBH & CO; KIENBERGER,<br>VOLKER; PANHOLZER, HEINRICH) 9 October 2003 (2003-10-09)   |  |      |
| D5: US-A-2 054 142 (R.E.B. SHARP) 15 September 1936<br>(1936-09-15)  |  |      |
| <p>1. The present application fails to comply with the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) since the subject matter of independent claims 1 and 9 does not meet the requirement of novelty defined in PCT Article 33(2).</p> <p>1.1 Document D1 discloses all the technical devices mentioned in claims 1 and 9.</p> <p>2. Dependent claims 2-8 and 10 do not contain any additional features which, in combination with the features of any one of the claims to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step; see documents 2-5 and the corresponding passages cited in the search report.</p> |  |      |